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THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO Banded TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND — AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE MOST FASTEST THING ALIVE!
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THE NO ZONE: A PLACE 90 DEGREES FROM EVERYWHERE...



ZONIC, THE ZONE COP, REPORT IN!

HERE.



THERE'S AN EMERGENCY ZONE BREACH IN PROGRESS!

DR. IVANA ROBOTINA...



...EVIL SORCESS OF THE LUNA ZONE, HAS TRANSPORTED TO MOBILIUS PRIME...

...AND IS ENGAGED IN HEATED CONFLICT WITH

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN

ZONE WARS: PRELUDE

I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT...

...AS SOON AS I "ZONE UP" SOME REINFORCEMENTS!



ZOOOP!

MEANWHILE, ONE DIMENSIONAL
QUARTER-TURN OVER...

DON'T RUN
AWAY, LITTLE CREATURE!
ALL QUEEN ROBOTINA
WANTS TO DO...

...IS
TRANSFORM YOU
INTO ONE OF HER
MONSTERS!

SHEESH,
IF IT'S NOT
ROBOTNIK TRYIN'
TO ROBOTICIZE
YOU...

...IT'S A
ROBOTNIK WANNABE
TRYIN' TO MONSTERIZE
YOU!

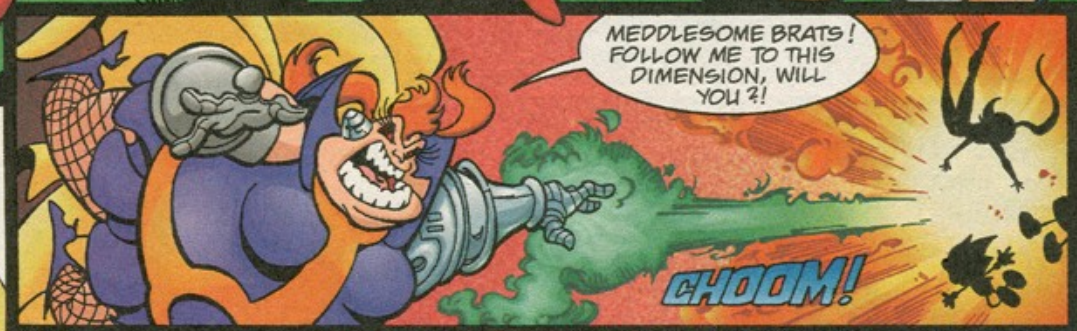
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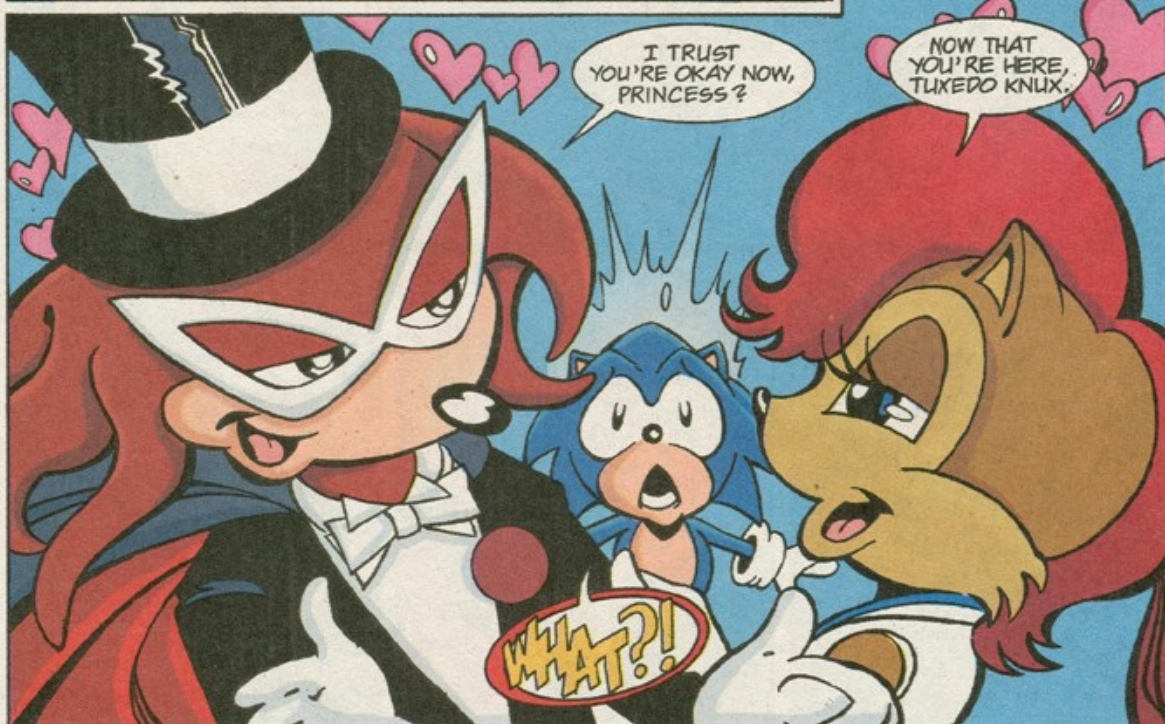
ACTUALLY,
ROBOTINA'S
FROM MY
WORLD!

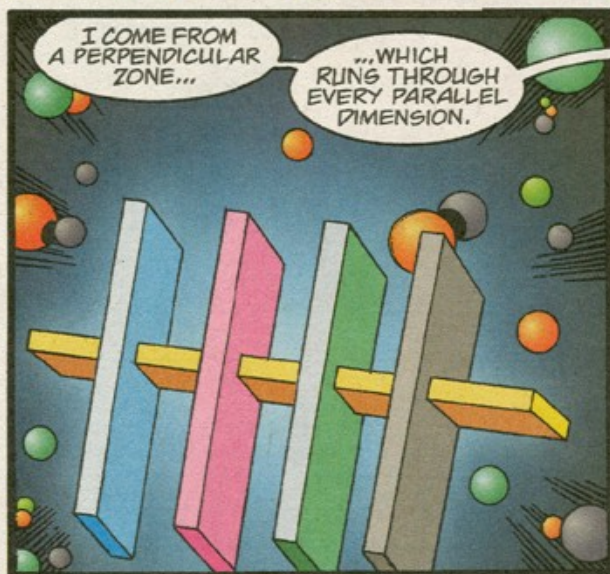
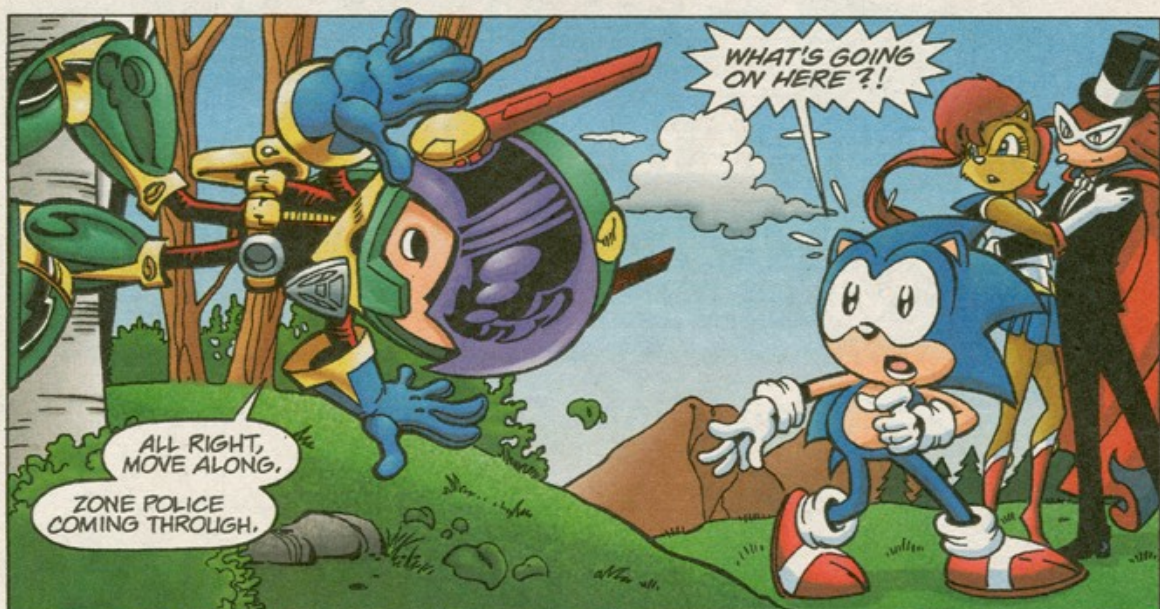
AND IN THE
NAME OF JUSTICE
AND THE MOBIUS
MOONS...

...IT'S
MY DUTY
TO STOP
HER!

CHOOM







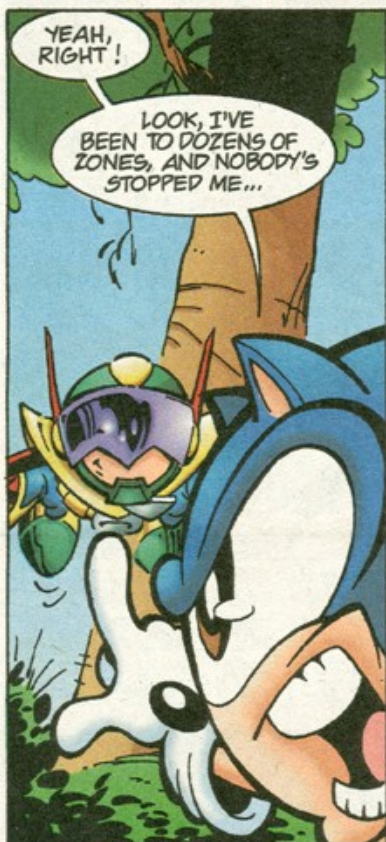


IT'S MY
JOB TO MAINTAIN
MULTI-DIMENSIONAL
ORDER...

...AND MAKE
SURE NOBODY GOES
INTO ZONES THEY
DON'T BELONG.

POOZ

PIZ



YEAH,
RIGHT!

LOOK, I'VE
BEEN TO DOZENS OF
ZONES, AND NOBODY'S
STOPPED ME...

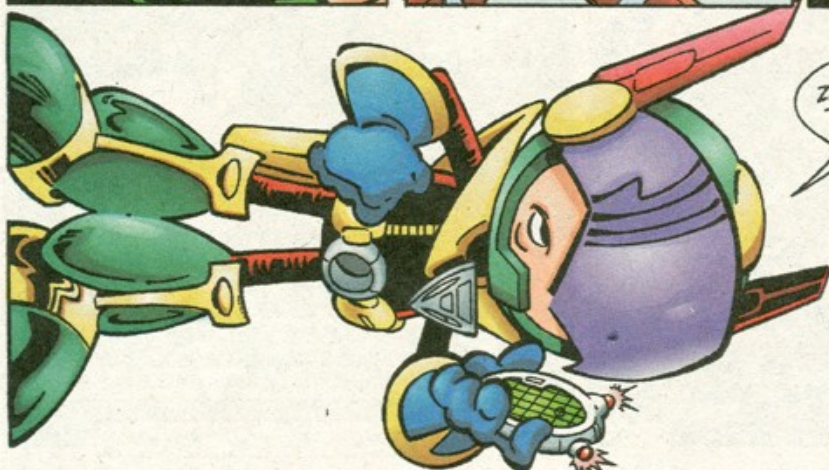


ON THE CONTRARY,
I SENT YOU THERE.

YOU
WHAT?!!



COME ON,
SONIC, WISE
UP.



YOU THINK
ZONE PORTALS USED
TO JUST POP OUT
OF NOWHERE...

...AND
ZOOP...

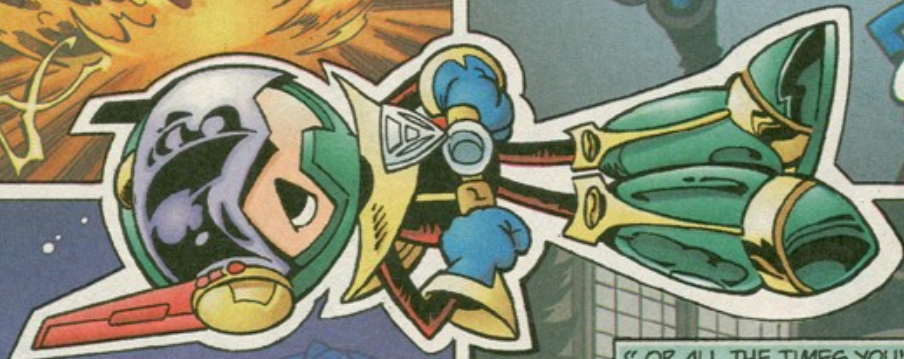
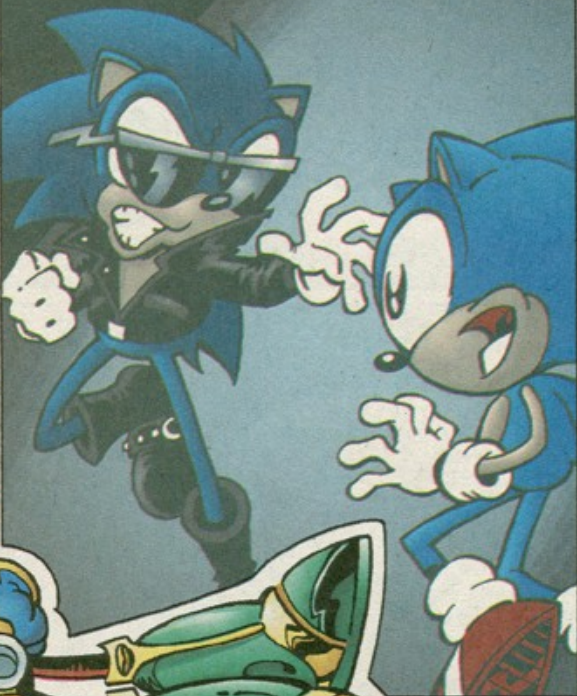
...YOU'D WIND
UP IN A ZONE
WHERE YOU WERE
NEEDED?

" LIKE THE FIRST TIME YOU
WENT TO THE *SPECIAL ZONE*--

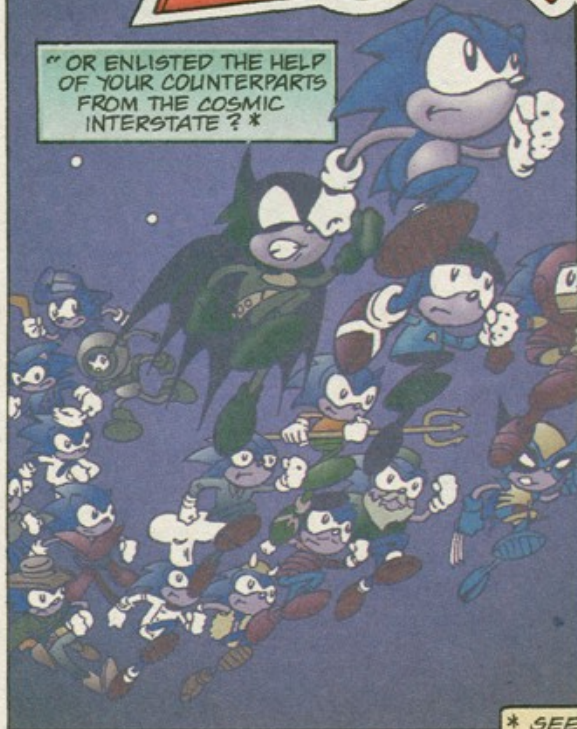
"-- AND BECAME
SUPER SONIC? *



"OR WHEN YOU CONFRONTED
THE *EVIL ZONE* VERSION
OF YOURSELF? *



"OR ENLISTED THE HELP
OF YOUR COUNTERPARTS
FROM THE *COSMIC*
INTERSTATE? *



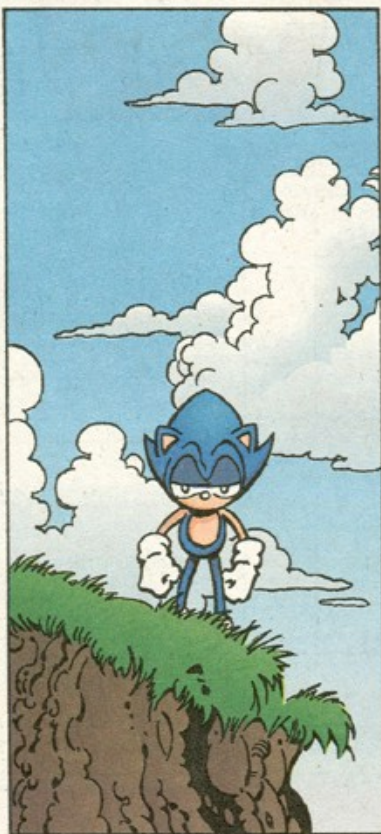
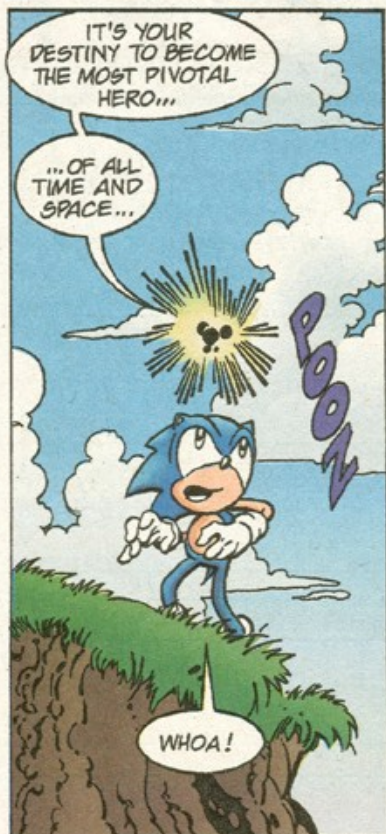
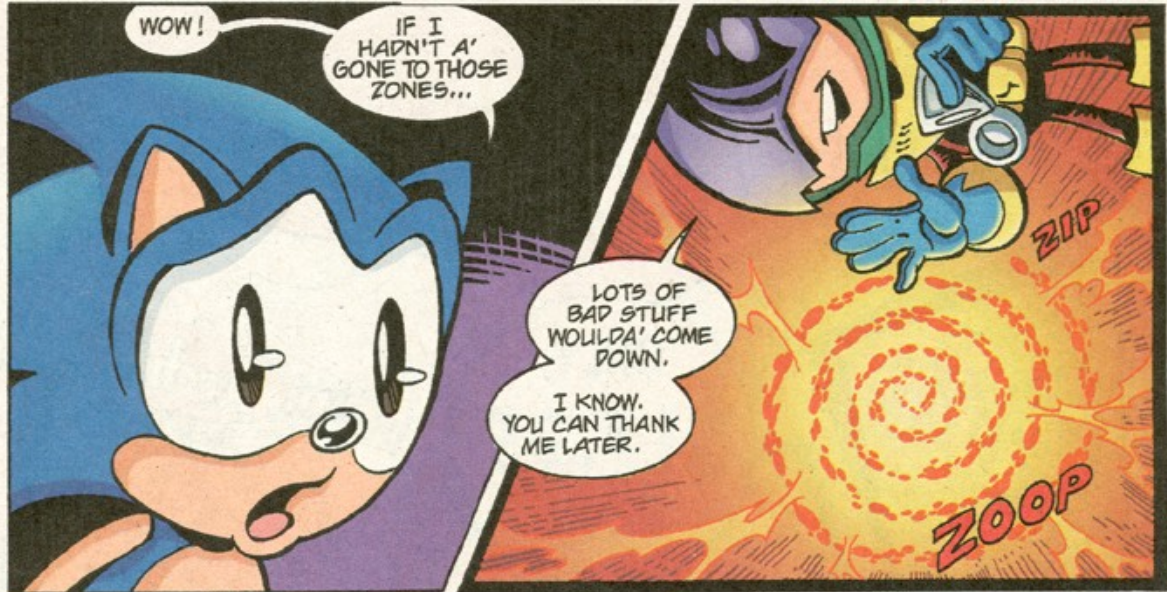
"OR ALL THE TIMES YOU'VE AIDED
OTHERS ON *PARALLEL WORLDS*? *

"*PRECISE* DIMENSIONAL
TRAVEL CAN'T BE CHALKED
UP TO DUMB LUCK!



"(ESPECIALLY NOW, THAT THE
ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR'S WEAKENED
THE BARRIERS BETWEEN *ZONES*!)*

* SEE SONICS #4, #11, #19, #52, AND #50--JFG.



ONE NIGHT IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

...EVERYONE IS INDOORS--EVERYONE EXCEPT A CERTAIN BLUE SPEEDSTER AND AMY ROSE.

DIDN'T I TELL YA', AMY? THE VIEW IS WAY PAST COOL FROM UP HERE.

I LOVE THE VIEW, SONIC. I JUST WISH I'D REMEMBERED TO BRING MY JACKET ALONG.

THE NIGHT AIR IS REALLY CHILLY.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG RUNNING ON EMPTY



NO PROBLEMO, AMY. I'LL BE BACK IN A FLASH.



I BELIEVE THIS IS JUST WHAT THE YOUNG LADY ORDERED. ONE WARM JACKET.



THANK YOU, SONIC. IT MUST BE WONDERFUL HAVING ALL THAT SPEED!

YEAH, IT IS, BUT THERE WAS A TIME MY SPEED ALMOST GOT ME KILLED.

I REMEMBER IT LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY.

OHGOSH!!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE
PRINCESS SALLY
YELLING FOR HELP!

"DETERMINED HERO
THAT I AM, I JUICED
TO THE RESCUE."

FEET,
DO YOUR
STUFF!

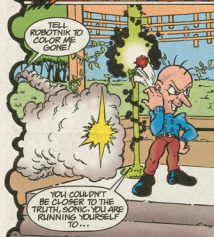
DON'T WORRY,
SALLY, I WON'T
LET ANYTHING
HURT...

...YOU?

I'VE
HEARD OF
HARD TO TOUCH,
BUT THIS IS
RIDICULOUS.
SOMEBODY'S
SICK IDEA OF
A JOKE.

"LINKNOWN TO ME AT THE
TIME, SNIVELY WAS ABOUT
TO SPRING A TRAP."

WHAT I'M
ABOUT TO DO TO
YOU IS NO JOKE,
YOU SPINY LITTLE
RODENT!



A SHORT TIME LATER IN THE
WOODS NEAR KNOTHOLE VILLAGE.

ROSIE, YOU
SHOULDN'T BE OUT
ALONE. I'VE ALREADY
HAD A MONDO UNCOOL
RUN-IN WITH SNIVELLY
THIS MORNING.

I'M
GLAD YOU'RE
ALLRIGHT!

I WAS LOOKING
FOR AN APPLE ORCHARD
PRINCESS SALLY SAID
WAS IN THIS AREA.

I WANT
TO MAKE
SOME APPLE
PIES.

I'LL TAKE
YOU THERE,
ROSIE.
IT'S JUST
OVER THAT
HILL.

THAT WOULD BE
WONDERFUL, SONIC. I'D
LOVE THE COMPANY!

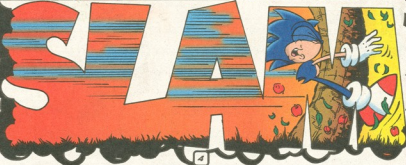
SEE, APPLES
EVERYWHERE.

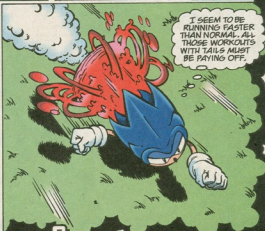
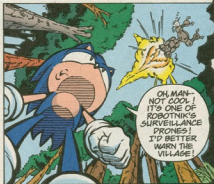
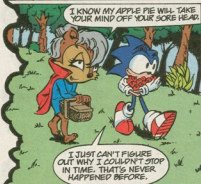
AND
ONE'S ABOUT
TO FALL!

IT'LL
NEVER TOUCH
THE GROUND
WITH
MY FLEET
FEET!!

WAITAMINIT!
I CAN'T STOP!!

OBOY! THIS IS
GONNA HURT!





"AS I WAS SPEEDING TOWARDS KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, I DIDN'T NOTICE THE TRAIL OF JUNK AND STUFF BEING SLICKED UP BEHIND ME."



"I'VE NEVER SEEN SONIC MOVE SO FAST."

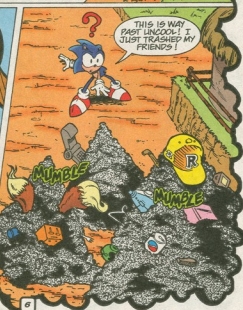
"HE JUST BARELY MISSED US!"

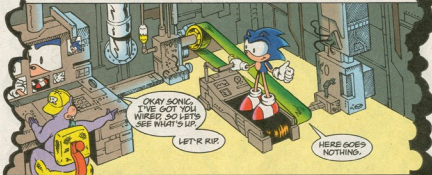


"LOOK OUT!! INCOMING!!"



"THIS IS WAY PAST UNCOOL! I JUST TRASHED MY FRIENDS!"





WELL, I WAS ABLE TO SALVAGE THE DATA JUST BEFORE IT BURNED OUT AND IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.

GIVE IT TO ME STRAIGHT, ROTOR.

SOON...

AS NEAR AS I CAN TELL, THE RAY SNIVELY HIT SONIC WITH HAS SUPER-ACCELERATED HIS METABOLISM--

--GIVING HIM HIS SUPER-SUPER SPEED, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, AGING HIM WITH EACH USE.

I KNOW IT LOOKS BAD, BUT ROTOR SAYS THERE MAY BE A WAY TO REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF THE RAY, IF HE HAS A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THE MACHINE.

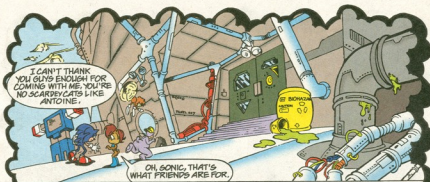
UNFORTUNATELY, THAT MEANS GOING INTO ROBOTROPOLIS TO FIND IT. I'LL UNDERSTAND IF NO ONE WANTS TO GO.

HIYA, GANG!

GASPI!

DON'T BE SILLY! WE'RE BEHIND YOU, ALL THE WAY.

WE ARE ?
--GULP!



WELL, WELL,
LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE
SOME UNINVITED
GUESTS.

DID YOU
REVERSE
THE
RAY?

YES,
FOR ALL
THE GOOD
IT'LL
DO SONIC
NOW.

I WANT TO
THANK YOU IN MY
OWN SPECIAL WAY FOR
DROPPING IN.

SWATBOTS,
SHOW OUR GUESTS
HOW WE DEAL WITH
PESTS!

WE'RE
SURROUNDED!
TAILS, GET OUT
OF HERE! YOU
CAN FLY ABOVE
THEM.

NEVER!
I WON'T
DESERT MY
FRIENDS!

BODY HURTS ALL OVER,
BUT I CAN'T LET THAT
STOP ME FROM HELPING
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

EVEN IF IT
KILLS ME.

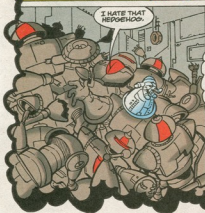
ROBOTNIK!
I'M GONNA
BRING YOU
DOWN!

THAT'S
A WEAK THREAT
FROM SOMEONE
WHO CAN BARELY
STAND.

I'LL SHOW YOU
WHO CAN BARELY
STAND!!

COMIN' ATCHA!

"EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING WAS SCREAMING AS I FORCED MYSELF TO SUPER-SUPER SPEED ONE FINAL TIME."

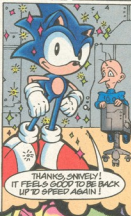
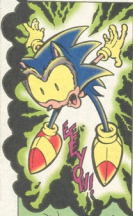


PLEASE, I CAN'T STAND TO SEE SONIC IN SUCH PAIN. USE THE RAY ON HIM AGAIN AND PUT HIM OUT OF HIS MISERY.



MY PLEASURE. ANOTHER ROSE AND SONIC IS NO MORE! HEH, HEH.

DON'T WORRY, SONIC. WITH THE RAY IN REVERSE--

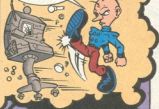


THANKS, SNIVELY! IT FEELS GOOD TO BE BACK UP TO SPEED AGAIN!

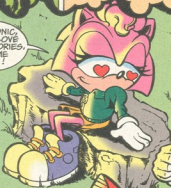
BUT... BUT... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU SHOULD BE DEAD!

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WHEN YOU HAVE GREAT FRIENDS LIKE I DO. LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!

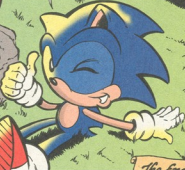
DRAT! DRAT! DRAT!!



OH, SONIC, I JUST LOVE YOUR STORIES. TELL ME MORE!



OKAY, BUT I'LL TRY NOT TO SPEED THROUGH THIS ONE. HA HA HA!



The End



ONE THOUSAND MILES EAST OF
MOBOTROPOLIS LIE THE
TOWNSHIPS OF LAU KAR--

-- A PEACEFUL COMMUNITY, WITH
A SMALL PEST CONTROL PROBLEM...



STOP
THIEF!!!

DON'T JUST SIT
THERE, FANG-- THE CROOKS
ARE ESCAPING!

THE
TEMPLE OF THE
GOLDEN LOTUS
HAS BEEN
ROBBED!!



GRR!
DARN YAGYU
NINJA
MUST'VE
SNUCK IN
THE BACK
DOOR...!

THEY'RE
SNEAKY & FAST,
BUT ONCE I GET
MY HANDS ON
'EM, IT'S ALL
OVER!

IT'S
ALL OVER
FOR US IF
THEY MAKE
IT TO THE
WOODS-- WE'LL
NEVER CATCH
THEM!

NOT SO FAST,
RODENTS!



MONKEY KHAN

IN:

YOU THINK YOU
CAN JUST ROB, STEAL
AND PLUNDER WITHOUT
HAVING TO PAY FOR
YOUR CRIMES ?!?

BLOODSUCKERS
LIKE YOU NEED TO
BE TAUGHT A LESSON--
COURTESY OF THE
HARDEST WORKING CRIME-
FIGHTER IN SHOWBIZ--
MONKEY KHAN!

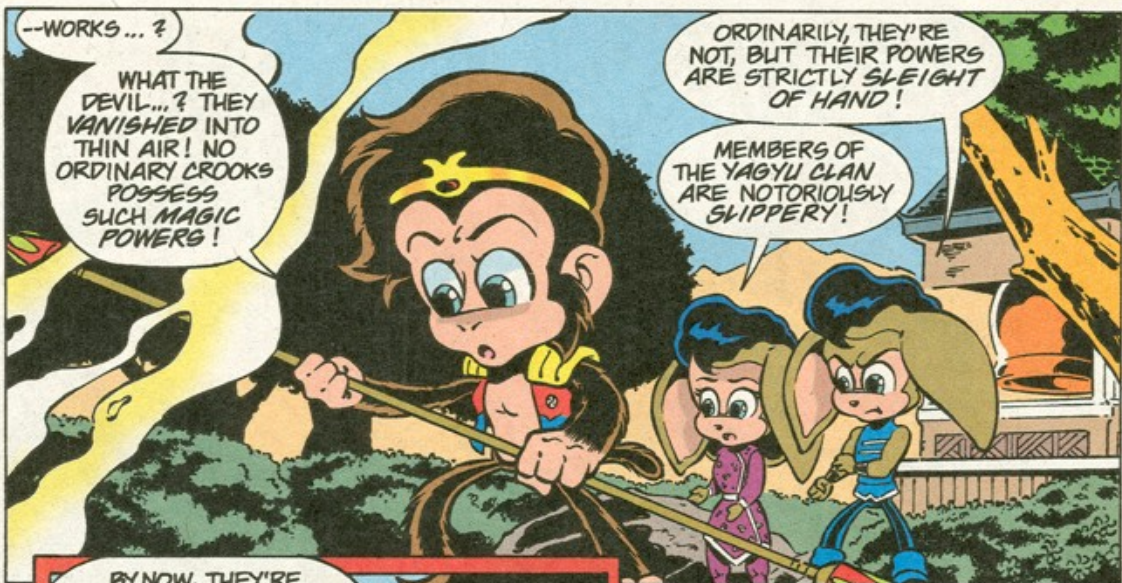
DEN OF THIEVES

SCREEEECHH!

HA!
TRYING TO
DIVERT MY
ATTENTION
SO YOU CAN
ESCAPE, HUH?
THAT TRICK
NEVER--

FWACK!

FWACK!



AND SO...





WELL, THEY SURE GOT THE DROP ON US! TALK ABOUT EMBARRASSING!

DON'T BE SO DISAPPOINTED, CHI MEI-- CHECK THIS OUT!

IT'S ALL THEIR STOLEN LOOT... INCLUDING THE TEMPLE'S BELONGINGS!

THEY'VE ACTUALLY DONE US A FAVOR THROWING US INTO THEIR TREASURE CHAMBER. FUNNY THING IS, I WOULD'VE THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER GUARDED...

HRORR!

EEEE! THE LEGEND'S TRUE--THE DRAGON IS REAL!!

DRAGON...?

THAT'S NO DRAGON--THAT'S A ROBOT!

OKAY, SO IT'S A ROBOT-DRAGON! EITHER WAY, WE'RE TOAST!

HAHAHAHA! LIKE HIS
YAGYU MASTERS, THE MIGHTY
DRAGON KAMEZON HAS A
TASTE FOR GOLD!



AT THE
MOMENT, HE'S
HOMING IN ON
THAT PRICELESS
HEADBAND OF
YOURS!

TERRIFIC! AND I SUPPOSE
THE AWESOME MONKEY KHAN IS
TOO PIG-HEADED TO SIMPLY
GIVE IT UP?



NOT
WITHOUT
A FIGHT,
HOPPY!

THAT KAMEZON
IS BY NO MEANS AN
INTELLIGENT
CREATURE, SO HE MUST
BE PROGRAMMED WITH
SOME SORT OF...

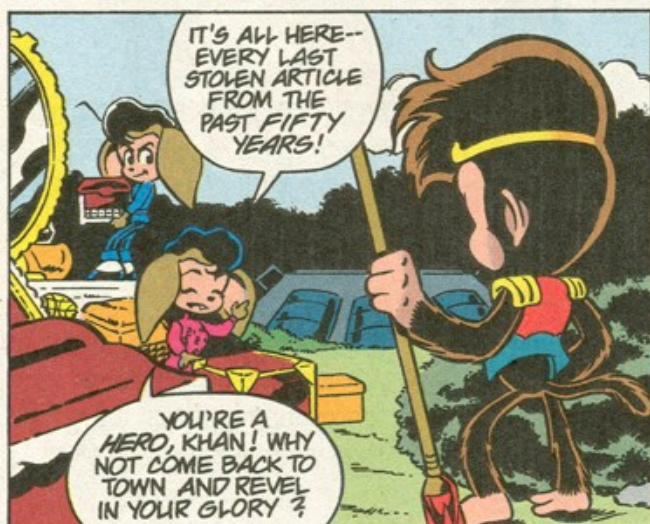


...TRACKING
DEVICE!



YOWZA!

THIS OUGHTTA
GET RESULTS!



END

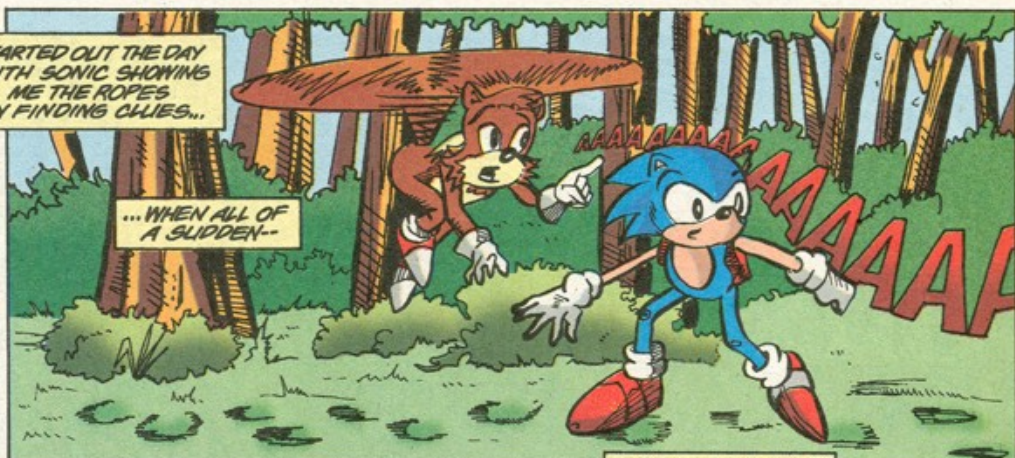
TAILS *in* GHOST- BUSTED!

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED TO
ME ON A CAMPING TRIP.

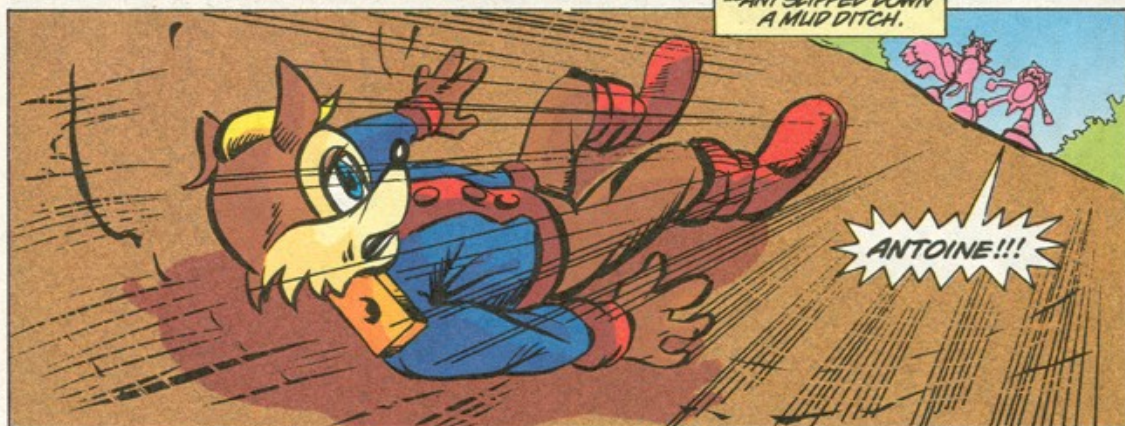


I STARTED OUT THE DAY
WITH SONIC SHOWING
ME THE ROPES
ON FINDING CLUES...

... WHEN ALL OF
A SLIDEN--

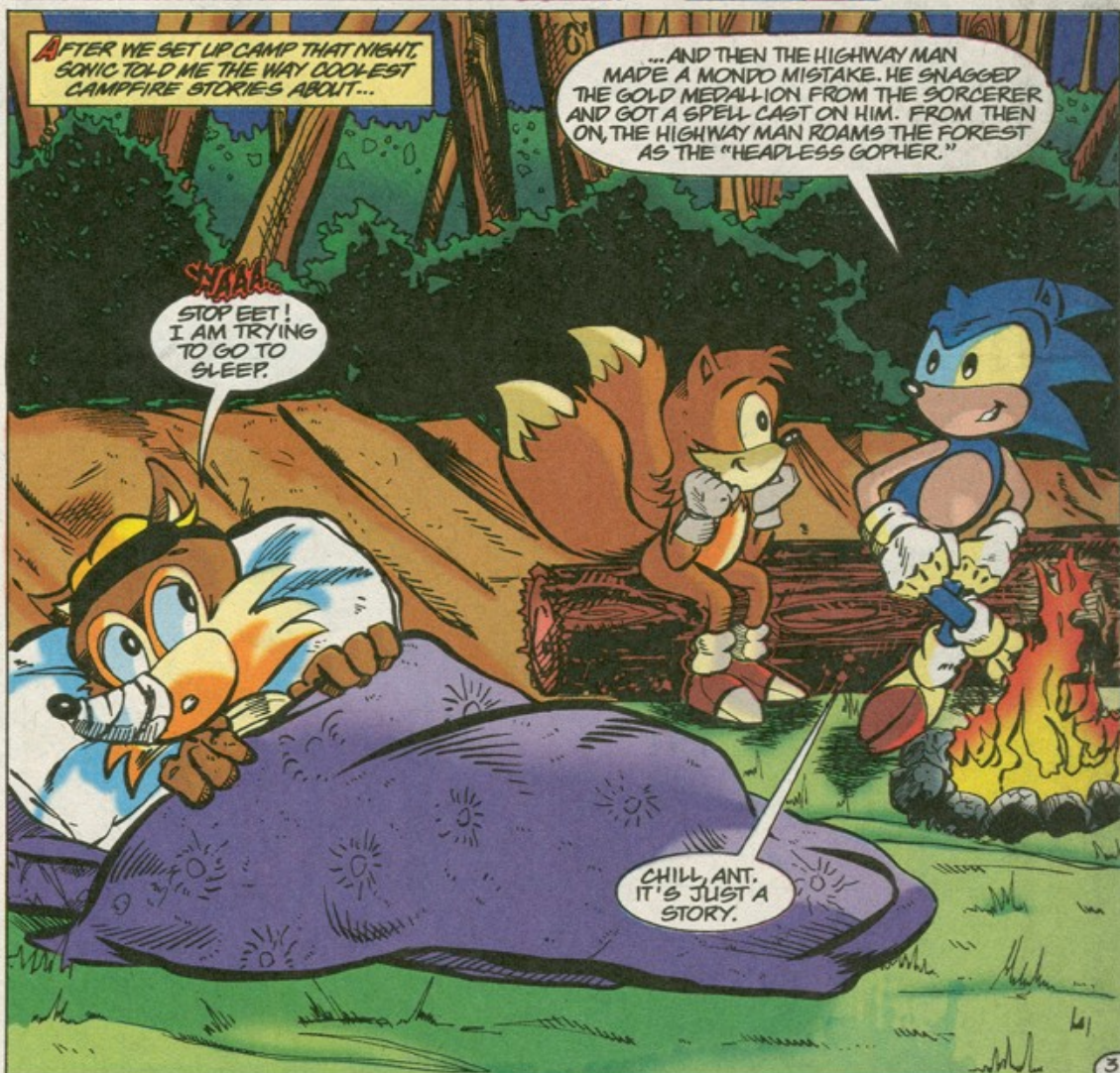


--ANT SLIPPED DOWN
A MUD DITCH.



SPLOOSH!







OH YES, OF COURSE I AM ONLY KNOWING EET EES EH STORY. I WASN'T BORN TOMORROW. I WAS MAKING A FUNNY. Ha Ha.



ANTOINE FINALLY WENT TO SLEEP (WHAT A SCARDEY CAT HE IS), BUT AFTER A WHILE, ME AND SONIC STARTED TO GET SLEEPY, TOO.

THANKS FOR THE SCARY STORIES, SONIC.

NO PROB, BRO. HAVE A GOOD NIGHT. THERE'LL BE MORE TRAINING--YAWN--TOMORROW.



NOTE TO MYSELF:
NO MORE CAMP-FIRE STORIES!

I FELT SOMEONE OR SOMETHING WALKING IN THE FOREST...



...AND I KNEW IT WASN'T ONE OF MY NIGHTMARES ANYMORE.



WAAAAAHHHH!!!

TAILS!
WHAT'S WRONG?





WE GOT UP EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...





SONIC GRAMS

SPECIAL



OFF PANEL

By Gallagher and Manak

THIS JUST IN!

What's up, Knux fans! It's your editor Justin Freddy Gabrie (a.k.a. J.F.G.) and I'm here to talk to you about all our little changes that started first with **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #67**, **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #22** and has continued with this issue **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #8**. As you've seen, they all carry an icon representing Sonic, Knuckles or both. This will help you identify the Sonic comics at a glance and will distinguish them from the rest of the other books on the market.

These issues are each debuting a new feature for the letters page we're naming "Off Panel," a humor strip by Sonic veterans Mike Gallagher and Dave Manak. From time to time, we will sport a 'Letter of the Month' so if you want to be singled out, write to us about a specific story (or story arc) that really made you think or feel, good or bad. We hope these little changes will make the books that much more entertaining to read.

Just so you know, all these changes are being done to represent the changes in our favorite characters' lives. In **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**, Sonic returns to Mobotropolis and just isn't ready for all the surprises in store for him and The Freedom Fighters. And as far as **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA** is concerned, Knuckles and all his ancestors are set for a collision course that reaches a fever pitch in Knuckles' 25th issue! The specials will continue their quarterly tradition of giving you our most offbeat stories. In fact, next issue features the popular return of... **SONIC KIDS!** So stick around for a new year of fun and excitement as only Sonic and Knuckles can bring to you. So until next time...

Catch you on the flip side!

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We received a lot of mail for **Sonic Super Special #5: Sonic Kids**, so let's get right to it:

Dear Sonic-Grams,

Sonic Kids was great to read. I just got the issue yesterday. I love to see The Freedom Fighters as little kids. Sonic, Tails and Antoine looked so cute! To see Tails first learn how to fly was so cool! The second story about how Tails got his new sneakers was my favorite. And it's good to see that Sonic was funny even when he was little. The names he would call Robotnik (Eggface, Eggbelly, Chrome Dome, IOW40 Breath, and Robotnik) are the same ones he used right up to when Robotnik vanished. Also, teal Nelson Ribeiro and John Hebert how much I liked the way they drew the characters in "Total ReGenesis. The cover was very nice. I hope to see more of Sonic Kids in future issues. Thanks.

Mary Ann Rosales
Kamuela, HI

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just read your latest special and I think that it's fantastic. I just love all the great artwork in it, especially Art Mawhinney's art. I don't understand why Tails'

uncle would trade those shoes for a bag of rocks. Who would want a bunch of stones? The next special "Sonic 50- Director's Cut" looks like it's gonna be hot!

Joel Hamlet
Lakeside, CA

Hey, Mary Ann and Joel. Glad you both enjoyed the **Sonic Kids Special**. As far as Joel's question about the rocks, Merlin Prower wanted to give the shoes to Sonic without looking suspicious so he made up the fact that he was willing to trade them for a bunch of stones. It worked, didn't it?

Whazzup, Sonic?

I've never written to you or your crew but I just couldn't stand not to anymore. I just want you to know I'm one of your many #1 fans who has his room plastered with every Sonic accessory you could think of. I have only one question: Is that a giga-pet Sally's holding on the cover of **Sonic Kids**? — and if so, what kind of giga-pet is it? (Alright, so it's really two.) Well, catch you on the flip side!

Nathan "Chip" Turner (age 12)
Las Vegas, NV

Yes, that is a giga-pet Sally is holding in her hand and it happens to be Muttski in that little screen.

Yo Sonic!

I think **Sonic Kids** was da' bomb! I want to see more Amy Rose and Lupe's Wolfpack in your comics. What are the names of your other super specials?

Krysta "The Fox" Delfino
Sunnyville, CA

Your wish is now being fulfilled as Lupe and her crew are appearing in **Sonic #67-#69** and so is Amy Rose starting with **#68**. On the specials, check out our list of them in the **Sonic Checklist** ad.

Well, that's all for now. Thanks to everyone who wrote in so until next issue...

Keep it real!

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

In Two Weeks: The vigil beside Queen Alicia's bedside continues in peace — or so Sonic and The Freedom Fighters think. They are being stalked by a mysterious enemy that will make their presence known by the end of the issue. And wait until you find out what they want. Story by Karl Bollers with art by Steven Butler and Pam Eklund. Also: Lupe and The Wolf Pack, Part Three of Three! 'Nuff said! By Ken Penders and Sam Maxwell! **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #49** on sale late January 1999!

In Four Weeks: The Dark Legion's plan is underway and it's caught everyone unaware except for our favorite Guardian. But Dimitri and his crew are more than ready for Knuckles and The Chaotix this time. Check out the second installment of **Dark Alliance** in "Election Night!" by Ken Penders, Jim Valentino and Harvo! **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #23** on sale early February 1999!

And Next Issue: They're back! **SONIC KIDS!!!** Presenting stories from The Freedom Fighters' formative years. All stories written by Michael Gallagher. They include: 1) Sonic and crew's first zone experience illustrated by Sam Maxwell and Harvo!; 2) We finally see how Princess Sally and Knuckles met (first shown in **Sonic #44**) by Manny Galan and Jim Amash!; And 3) The day Tails was born by Art Mawhinney and Rich Koslowski! 'Nuff said. Look for **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #9** to be on sale late March 1999!

